

## **APPENDIX F**

**Attached are copies of the Company's Articles of Incorporation and Certificate to Transact Business in the State of Illinois as a Foreign Corporation**

Form

**BCA-13.15**

**APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE  
OF AUTHORITY TO  
TRANSACTION BUSINESS  
BUSINESS CORPORATION ACT**

6282-776-9

**SUBMIT IN DUPLICATE!**

(Rev. Nov. 1999)

Jesse White, Secretary of State  
Department of Business Services  
Springfield, IL 62756  
Telephone (217) 782-1834  
www.cyberdriveillinois.com

See Note 1 for payment  
instructions

This space for use by Secretary of State

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**JESSE WHITE  
SECRETARY OF STATE**

Date 4-18-03

License Fee

Franchise Tax 25.00Filing Fee 75.00Penalties 100.00

(Note 1)

Approved: [Signature]

THIS APPLICATION MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ORIGINALLY CERTIFIED COPY OF THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION AND ANY AMENDMENTS OR MERGERS, DULY AUTHENTICATED WITHIN THE LAST NINETY DAYS, BY THE PROPER OFFICER OF THE STATE OR COUNTRY OF DOMICILE.

1. (a) CORPORATE NAME: US LEC Communications Inc.

(Complete item 1 (b) only if the corporate name is not available in this state.)

- (b) ASSUMED CORPORATE NAME: N/A

(By electing this assumed name, the corporation hereby agrees NOT to use its corporate name in the transaction of business in Illinois. Form BCA 4.15 is attached.)

2. (a) State or Country of Incorporation: North Carolina

- (b) Date of Incorporation: September 9, 1999

- (c) Period of Duration: Perpetual

3. (a) Address of the principal office, wherever located:

- (b) Address of principal office in Illinois:  
(If none, so state)

6801 Morrison Boulevard

Morrocroft III

Charlotte, NC 28211

None

4. Name and address of the registered agent and registered office in Illinois.

Registered Agent: C T Corporation System

Registered Office:	First Name	Middle Initial	Last name
208	South LaSalle Street		
Chicago	Number	Street	Suite #
	60604		Cook
	City	ZIP Code	County

5. States and countries in which it is admitted or qualified to transact business: (Include state of incorporation)  
See Attached

6. Name and residential addresses of officers and directors:

Name	No. & Street	City	State	ZIP
President Aaron D. Cowell, Jr.	6801 Morrison Blvd Morrocroft III	Charlotte	NC	28211
Secretary S. Shane Turley	6801 Morrison Blvd Morrocroft III	Charlotte	NC	28211
Director Aaron D. Cowell, Jr.	6801 Morrison Blvd Morrocroft III	Charlotte	NC	28211
Director Richard T. Aab	6801 Morrison Blvd Morrocroft III	Charlotte	NC	28211
Director				

If more than 3, attach list



# NORTH CAROLINA

## Department of The Secretary of State

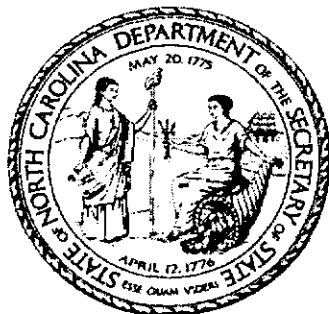
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To all whom these presents shall come, Greetings:

I, **ELAINE F. MARSHALL**, Secretary of State of the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify the following and hereto attached to be a true copy of

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
US LEC COMMUNICATIONS INC.

the original of which is now on file and a matter of record in this office.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto  
set my hand and affixed my official seal at the  
City of Raleigh, this 26th day of November, 2001.

*Elaine F. Marshall*  
Secretary of State

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
US LEC COMMUNICATIONS INC.

Effective  
ELAINE F. MARSHALL  
SECRETARY OF STATE  
NORTH CAROLINA

The undersigned adopts these Articles of Incorporation for the purpose of forming a business corporation under and by virtue of the laws of the State of North Carolina.

1. The name of the corporation shall be US LEC Communications Inc.
2. The corporation shall have authority to issue one hundred thousand (100,000) shares of Common Stock having a par value of one cent (\$.01) per share.
3. The street address, mailing address and county of the initial registered office of the corporation in North Carolina are Transamerica Square, Suite 1000, 401 North Tryon Street, Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina 28202; and the name of the initial registered agent at such address is Aaron D. Cowell, Jr.

4. The name and address of the incorporator are:

Name

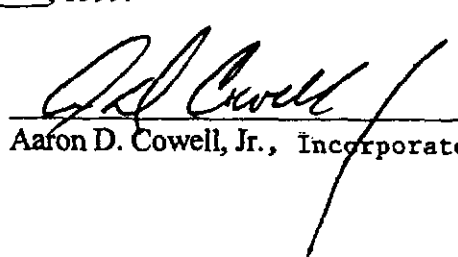
Address

Aaron D. Cowell, Jr.

Transamerica Square, Suite 1000  
401 North Tryon Street  
Charlotte, NC 28202

5. A director of the corporation shall not be personally liable for monetary damages for breach of any duty as a director except and only to the extent applicable law restricts the effectiveness of this provision. Any repeal or modification of this article shall be prospective only and shall not diminish the rights or expand the personal liability of a director of the corporation with respect to any act or omission occurring prior to the time of such repeal or modification.

This 27<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1999.

  
Aaron D. Cowell, Jr., Incorporator